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# Security tight around Hinckley family home

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EVERGREEN, Colo. — FBI and Secret Service agents guarded John W. Hinckley Sr. and his wife JoAnn at a neighbor's house Monday night in this exclusive community 30 miles west of Denver in the foothills of the Rockies while authorities in Washington held their son John W. Hinckley Jr. for the shooting of President Ronald Reagan and two others in the nation's capital.

Evergreen police and county sher-

iff's officers said the family was sequestered at the home of a next door neighbor. It was not known whether they planned to spend the night there. Earlier reports that they were preparing to fly to Washington by private jet Monday night were unconfirmed.

Neighbors described the family as religious and quiet people who had lived in this community about 5½ years. They were active in a local Bible study class, and the cover letter over the annual financial statement of the family's oil and gas company ends

with a quote from Psalm 1:27 which reads: "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain."

Hinckley is president of the Vanderbilt Energy Co. which grossed \$4.9 million in sales in 1980 resulting in a net profit of \$1 million.

"They were just a fine Christian family," said A.B. Slaybough, a neighbor and friend of the family.

One of the big surprises, he said, is that "they never talked about their younger son."

Another neighbor, Mrs. Anita Alexander, agreed. "They talked about

their daughter and son Scott," she said, "but they never said anything about that other boy. It's all very strange."

The neighborhood here is a new development where sprawling homes sit on huge lots and sell for several hundred thousand dollars. The Hinckley home is a two-story stone and brick structure which has a huge brass atrium in the living room.

Security is extremely tight in the neighborhood, and authorities won't allow either the press or a curious public near the home.

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